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Editor's Note:

Contributions to the Orchid Enthusiast by members of the CNYOS are welcome. Articles, pictures, or ideas for discussion subjects should be submitted by the first week of the month before the next meeting to: egalson756@gmail.com

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It's time to pay your annual dues: \$20 for single memberships, and \$22 for family. Send checks to Carol Haskell 102 Wynthrop Rd. Syracuse, NY 13209

Next Meeting: Sunday December 8, 2 PM, Holiday Covered Dish Party.

Please note the date! The meeting has been postponed on week, because of the proximity of Thanksgiving to the first Sunday of December.



We've had our first snowfall, so it's time for our annual Holiday Covered Dish Party. For those whose names begin with the letters A-L, please bring a main dish. Letters M-R please bring something to drink. S-Z please bring a dessert to pass. The weighting of the first group is to make sure we aren't top heavy with desserts. Please bring your own glasses, plates, cutlery, and napkins.

We don't have a speaker for this meeting, so bring items for the raffle table, and your blooming beauties to show off at the show table. We will hold a raffle for the copy of OrchidWiz we received.

President's Message

Last month's discussion of pests, bugs, etc brought up some very good suggestions. Bringing plants in from outside can bring some hitchhikers with the plants that aren't very good and can be difficult to deal with. Some things just seem to come in on your clothes or from an open window. One of those 'OMG, where did that come from?'. Good to know that we have something to fight back with that doesn't require a HAZMAT suit! Looking forward to our December meeting with all the wonderful dishes to pass. Until then, I hope everyone has a perfect Thanksgiving shared with family and friends.

Sue Finger

November Show Table

*Please note all names, accent marks, and abbreviations that are in boldface.
Kindly update your labels with registered names or parents. Bring the information to the show table next time.*

Cypripedium Alliance

Paph. Hilo Green Mountain (Hilo Jewel × Hsinying Citron)	Ditz
Paph. Wayne Booth (rothschildianum × Susan Booth)	"
Paph. Kolosand (kolopakingii × sanderianum)	"
Paph. Angel Hair (Saint Swithin × sanderianum)	"
Paph. Philip's Moon (Lunar Light Glow × Philippinense)	Woodworth
Paph. Superbly Tempting (Temptation × superbians)	"

Cattleya Alliance

Rlc. Hausermann's Charm (Memoria Robert Hack × C. Okarche)	Hasse
Rth. Burana Beauty (Netrasiri Starbright × C. Netrasiri Beauty)	"
Bct. Punakea (C. Lulu × Bsn. Maikai)	Ditz
Ctt. Chocolate Flirt (C. Flirtie × Chocolate Drop)	"
Bc. Hoku Gem (C. Tangerine Jewel × Richard Mueller)	Coleman
Ctna. Flying Colors (Keith Roth × C. briegeri)	"
Ctt. Acker's Madison × Ctna. Donovan Bennett	Burrirt
C. Angel's Fantasy (Fire Fantasy × Bright Angel)	"
Ett. Don Herman (Ctt. Gold Digger × Epi. stamfordianum)	"
Rlc. Haw Yuan Beauty × Rth. Haw Yuan Glory	"
Epi. porpax	"
Bct. Little Marmaid (C. walkeriana × Bsn. Maikai)*	"
Bsn. Maikai (B. nodosa × Gur. bowringiana)	Capella
C. California Love (California Apricot × Love Sound)	Cohen

Vandaceous

Phal. unknown	Capella
V. falcata var. Shojo †	"
Tblm. kotoense	Burrirt
Ascolabium pumilum	Cohen
Phal. Barracuda, unregistered trade name (ask supplier for the parents)	Hasse

Oncidium Alliance

Brsdm. Kafkaesque (Brs. Santa Ynez × Onc. Spotted Croc)	Coleman
Alcra. Diana Dunn (Brat. Citron × Onc. Memoria Helen Scholle)	"
Erycina pusilla	"
Trichocentrum (Trt.) Ollie Palmer (Maureen × haematochilum)	Ditz
Brassosteles (Bst.) Tarantula (Brs. aurantiaca × Bst. Summit)	Hasse

Dendrobium Alliance

Den. victoriae-reginae	Woodworth
Den. Jairak Compact (lithocola × Burana White)	Finger
Den. lawesii	Witkin
Den. victoriae-reginae	Witkin
Den. rigidum	Coleman
Den. unknown	Capella

Pleurothallids

Masd. striatella	Capella
Pabstiella tripterantha	Finger
Stelis adrianae	Weller
Masd. floribunda	"
Pths. condorensis	Witkin

Miscellaneous

Anc. rothschildianus	Capella
Hab. rhodocheila subsp. rhodocheila	Coleman
Zglm. Louisendorf (grex) (Zspm. labiosum × Z. Artur Elle)‡	"
Ob. aff. myosaurus	Witkin
Sngl. longifolia	"
Cse. sulphurea	"
Croton, Codiaeum variegatum var. variegatum 'Mamey' (Euphorbiaceae)	Cohen
Mxl. variabilis	Burritt
Warscewiczella (W.) amazonica (?)	Hasse

*When hybridizers use a commercial name, they usually alter the spelling to avoid copyright issues.

† *V. falcata* is the only orchid species that is named in this way, because of Japanese tradition. Its horticultural varieties are treated like hybrid grexes. Clonal names (in single quotes) may be added for individual plants.

‡ Artur Elle was a famous German hybridizer and his name takes the German spelling. This cross was originally imported under several different synonyms, but this name has priority.

Iris Cohen If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me, iriscohen@aol.com

CNYOS Meeting November 3, 2013

First of all, I want to apologize to everyone on the Show Committee for calling a meeting, and then not being there. Believe it or not, I forgot all about the meeting until it was too late.

I won't be at the December meeting, so save all your comments about the Show until January, when we will finally have our Show review meeting. Meanwhile, keep making lists of what you do for the Show, with a timeline and copies of any paperwork and/or forms you have developed, for the Show Manual.

Sue, who has been Registrar for the Show, could use some Computer System help. Any member who is a good typist, and would like to help, please contact Sue.

The November meeting was a Show and Tell by members, who described the methods used to combat bugs on orchids.

Many treatments were in use by our members. Among those mentioned were:

Isopropyl alcohol

Dr. Bronner's

Beyers Rose and Flower Spray

Insecticidal Soap

Eight Insecticide

Acephate (This is a organophosphate pesticide, and should be used out of doors only)

Try various ones, and see what works for you.

Carol gave a Treasurer's report: We came close to breaking even on the Show. We are still waiting for a check from Joe Kunish, but the other vendors seem to have done better than usual.

The nominations for next year's officers are:

President	Sue Finger
Vice president and program chair	Honey Goshorn
Treasurer	Carol Haskell
Secretary	Monica Kot with Dolores Capella as a fill-in helper

There seems to be an interest in attending SEPOS again this spring, and Sue will look into bus arrangements.

Thanks to Jack and Deb Hasse and Lori Burritt for providing refreshments for the meeting

Events Calendar

<i>December 8</i>	<i>CNYOS Holiday Party at the church at 2 PM</i>
<i>January 5</i>	<i>CNYOS Member Orchid Auction</i>
<i>February 2</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>March 2</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>April 6</i>	<i>Trip to Rochester for GROS</i>
<i>May 4</i>	<i>CNYOS Meeting –Club Auction</i>
<i>June</i>	<i>Picnic – Date and place to be arranged</i>

Refreshment Volunteers

<i>December</i>	<i>Holiday Party</i>	<i>Everyone contributes (see page 1 of newsletter)</i>
<i>January</i>	<i>1. Sue and Jerry Finger</i>	<i>2. Jan Woodworth</i>
<i>February</i>	<i>1. ?</i>	<i>2. ?</i>
<i>March</i>	<i>1. ?</i>	<i>2. ?</i>
<i>April</i>	<i>Trip to GROS</i>	

An Orchid by Any Other Name

You will have more fun with orchids when you know some basic names.

The reason is practical: your success as a grower will be helped a lot by knowing some basic names. Locating information on your plants can depend on correctly recognizing its type. There is a lot of information out there: online is expanding resources exponentially. Getting to what you need without wading through reams of technical and specialist information will be helped along by knowing the type of orchid you have.

Knowing some names can bring you personal satisfaction: being able to communicate about your orchids can lead to greater knowledge and, thus, greater satisfaction. Part of the fun of orchids is talking to other growers about mutual experiences and learning from the errors of others. Vendors will like knowing what type you are interested in because they can guide you to better choices for your collection. Orchid judges know a lot of species by their scientific names, but for most hybrids, they just refer to their type (until they get the detailed information they need to make a judgment). In other words, the type of an orchid goes a long way in

communicating. Go to a local society and ask about or comment on an orchid type by name and you will get the ball rolling on a real conversation.

Learning names can be daunting: the scientific naming system is complex and, to everyone's chagrin, changing. This is one of the most intimidating aspects about orchids. There are a lot of names because there are a lot of orchids. There are more orchid species than any flowering plant except the daisy family. And the number of hybrids from these species is remarkably large.

First of all, learn the name of any orchid you own. You need this to be sure you are providing the right growing conditions for the plant. Secondly, learn to recognize major types of orchids. I will list the five I think will be most useful to know.



Cattleya Cattleyas were at one time the standard by which all orchids were judged. Remarkable in size, richly colored, with lips large and redolent with markings, these were the choice for corsages. Now, with careful breeding, size has been cut down and the number of flowers increased.

Dendrobium Dendrobiums growing conditions. There and Australia. The common light. They produce lovely that are sold in big-box "types" because they vaguely



come in an amazing array of sizes, colors, and are about 1500 species, mainly from tropical Asia ones have relatively tall canes and take abundant sprays of flowers. The most easily available ones stores are hybrids of what are called phalaenopsis resemble phalaenopsis.



Oncidium Oncidiums, often called Dancing Ladies, are extremely popular because they lend themselves to indoor culture. The best hybrids produce colorful sprays which are fragrant. From the New World, native to Mexico, thCaribbean, South America, and Florida!



Phalaenopsis Phalaenopsis orchids have become the standard for orchids because they have become so widely available and inexpensive. Their classic presentation, in long, arching sprays with one flower just touching the next, is seen in luxury settings (in magazine, hotel lobbies, etc.) The white ones are very popular in weddings. As pot-plants, they are sold in all sorts of places, from grocery stores to high-end florist

shops. They do very well in home conditions.



Paphiopedilum Paphiopedilums are the most easily recognized because of their characteristic pouch. There are closely related orchids with pouches, some of which are native to North America. The ones available commonly for sale are paphiopedilums, however. Spotted, warted, hairy, shiny, or striped, they are all intriguing and extremely popular as house plants, particularly in Europe but also in North America.

Many of the scientific names of orchids are real tongue-twisters. Fortunately, the five main types are not so difficult and you should learn to say them. Do not be over-concerned with absolutely correct pronunciation. First of all, in the English-speaking world there are differences in pronunciation. More importantly, if you just get the beginning approximately right, orchidists will know what you mean. The following will help get you started:

Cattleya --- CAT-lee-ah

Dendrobium --- den-DRO-bee-um

Oncidium --- on-SID-dee-um

Paphiopedilum --- paff-ee-oh-PED-ih-lum

Phalaenopsis --- fail-eh-NOP-sis

Depending on your location, you may want to be sure you know the local popular orchids. For example, if you live in Florida you will want to recognize and know *Vanda* (VAN-duh). If you live in California you may want to recognize and know *Cymbidium* (sim-BID-ee-um). As your experience grows, you will naturally learn others. **Greg Truex AOS Education Committee**

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